Government. The work will be taken up for execution, only after the State Government deposits the estimated cost of the work.

Stoppage of Goa Express

890. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of great demand from railway commuters at Curchorem, Goa to have a five minutes stop for 'Goa Express'; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to this effect to avoid further "rail roko" dharnas at this station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand has been examined but not found justified having regard to the Superfast Express character of the service.

Water Supply

891. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is starved of water supply for the last one month; and

(b) if so, what measures Government is taking for regular water supply in and around Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The water supply in Delhi is inadequate, keeping in view the requirement of the preesnt population at the prescribed norms, and the available supply of drinking water. Difficulties are experienced during the summer Season in a number of areas, especially those situated at the tail end of the distribution system, or at places situated at higher elevation and in the J.J. clusters.

(b) As per statement attached. [*See* below)

Statement

(i) Construction of second 100 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Haiderpur has been started;

(ii) Construction work of 40 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Nangloi has been awarded;

(iii) Construction of 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant near Bhavana Escape has been proposed;

(iv) Discussions with Haryana Government are in progress for the supply of adequate raw water to above plants in exchange for treated effluent;

(v) Construction of 5 Ranney Wells in Alipur Block is in progress. In addition, 27 tube wells have been installed and 15 more tube wells will be energised shortly;

(vi) Steps have been taken to rationalise the distribution system. Ground reservoir and booster pumping stations have been commissioned in 7 colonies and are likely to be commissioned shortly in 2 more colonies. This work is in progress in 4 colonies and is also being planned for 5 more colonies as soon as the land become available.

(vii) Steps have also been taken for detection of leakage of water and to minimise the leakage. 23 shallow tube wells have been installed for horticulture purposes to have filtered water. 101 open wells in City and Sadar Paharganj (S. P. Zone) are also provided with submersible pumping sets to supply water for horticulture purposes; and

(viii) Water supply arrangements in resettlement colonies, J. J. clusters and regularised unauthorised colonies are being continuously improved through tube wells, handpumps/hydrants, and water supply connections according to prescribed norms.

Long Term Measures

(i) Government of Uttar Pradesh has agreed to supply 300 cusecs of water from Tehri Dam which is under construction.

(ii) 0.5 MAF of water is proposed to be earmarked for Delhi use from the proposed Kishau Dam.

(iii) 0.37 MAF of water is also proopsed to be earmarked from the proposed Renuka Dam in Himachal Pradesh on River Giri.

Implementation of NCR Plan

892. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCR Plan finalised by Government for Delhi is in doldrums; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for NCR Plan not being implemented in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Release of Water from Haryana to Delhi

893. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water supply department of Delhi Administration has recently requested Haryana to release more water deliberately;

(b) whether despite serious water crisis in the capital, Haryana is not releasing water deliberately;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to contemplate any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Delhi was already receiving its share of 400 cusec at Munak for Wazirabad barrage from the Bhakra system through Haryana Channels. Due to delay in onset of monsoon over North West India this year ,the regeneration in river fell leading to a fall in the pond level of Wazirabad after 30-6-1991 from the full pond level of 205.49 Metre (674 ft.) Delhi Administration, therefore, requested Haryana on 1-7-1991 and again on 8-7-1991 and 9-7-1991 for additional releases at Munak.

(b) Keeping in view the needs of irrigation and drinking water in Haryana areas, cooperation was shown by Haryana in releasing upto 209 cusec additional water at Munak. This helped in building up the pond level at Wazirabad and averting a crisis at the pump stations.

(c) and (d) The Union Government closely monitored the situation and was in regular touch with Haryana and Delhi Admiinstration. With the onset of the monsoon, the situation has since improved.

Construction Activities of Delhi Development Authority

894. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item as reported in the Indian Express dated 14th July, 1991, under the caption: "Backlog rises as Delhi Development Authority sits pretty";

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Development Authority has failed to construct the houses as promised during the last 5 years;